

DOMARD et al
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REMARKS

Entry of the amendment instructions above and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

By way of the amendment instructions above, claims 1 and 10 have been amended so as to include therein the substance of prior claims 7 and 21, respectively. Claims 7 and 21 have therefore been cancelled as redundant.

Therefore, since independent claims 1 and 10 now include subject matter indicated to be allowable in paragraph 4 of the subject Official Action, their allowance is in order. All other claims depend directly or indirectly from one of claims 1 and 10 and therefore should likewise be allowable.

It is believed that the amendment instructions above fully comply with the requirements of 37 CFR §116. As such, entry of the amendments and early passage of this application to allowance is solicited.

Should any small matters remain outstanding, however, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney so that the same may be resolved without the need for an additional written action and reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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